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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Management and Services

SUBJECT: Academic Credit for CIA Courses

1. From our own limited experience and from contacts in the academic world, we are aware that more and more frequently institutions of higher learning are giving credits towards degrees for relevant knowledge regardless of where or how it was learned. Colleges use the American Council on Education's "Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services" for credit recommendations to be given for formal service school courses and as guidance for credit and advanced standing by examination. Maryland University, for example, accepted our statement that the Agency's Intelligence and World Affairs Course matched the Military Intelligence Officers Orientation at Fort Holabird according to the description in the "Guide." The same credits were given for OTR's course. Maryland University is planning a survey of Government courses in order to establish criteria for accepting such courses for credit. About seventy-five percent of the colleges and universities in the country give academic credit based on the College Level Examination Program (CLEP).

2. It appears academic institutions will be quite willing to accept CIA courses for credit where the training meets academic substance and standards. In order to avoid the ad hoc procedures presently in use I suggest:

a. A determination be made of those internal courses which alone can be described and offered for credit.

b. A policy statement indicating to our students which courses will be certified for academic credit.

c. One central point, which could be the Registrar in OTR or an element of the Office of Personnel, be established to respond to requests for letters of certification. Cover and security considerations would be coordinated here.

3. [] who does our academic counselling has handled these requests in the past and is capable of working out the details of a centralized approach. The results of her past efforts are listed in the attachment.

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The Center for Technology and Administration of American University has given 3 and 6 credit hours in their graduate level program, M.S. (Technology of Management) for Information Science Training Program courses, in the cases of several CIA employees. There is probably considerably more potential which could be developed here. Two OTR employees are part time, adjunct professors in the American University program.

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Here is a report on the status of academic credit granted by educational institutions for OTR courses. I do think that in the future configuration of new courses we should give sufficient thought to their acceptance for credit and so configure them, if this can be done without distorting the objectives of our training.